

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF H.B. 6616: An Act Concerning Expansion Of Husky Health Benefits To Those Ineligible Due To Immigration Status.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF CT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of the CT General Assembly:

Good afternoon. My name is Belem Trejo. I am a member of Uniting for a Safe Inclusive Community - Manchester. I'm in favor of H.B. 6616: An Act Concerning Expansion Of Husky Health Benefits To Those Ineligible Due To Immigration Status.

Last year I wrote about the importance of having health insurance for immigrants. I know that now children up to the age of 12 can have access, but this is not enough for me or my family. So, I want to give my testimony again about not having health insurance. It has been very difficult for me since I have been in this country. On several occasions I have been sick, and not having health insurance, sometimes one tries to not go to the doctor because what I have to do is very expensive. I have gone to the hospital and when I needed to do a test I left without doing it because it was very expensive. I still owe the hospital a large amount of money. I suffer from a thyroid ailment and I have to be treated for it; I have cysts in my womb and my doctor tells me that if an operation is necessary that it would be good if I had a Husky to help me, but as an immigrant I do not qualify. I ask the people who could help to put their hands on their hearts and help us. I am a person like everyone else who is in this country fighting for my family, just as I am sure there are many people doing the same. Please support H.B. 6616: An Act Concerning Expansion Of Husky Health Benefits To Those Ineligible Due To Immigration Status.

Thank you,

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